

# Prayer of Confession – We are Like the Pharisees

Forgiving God, we need to be more like the sinful woman  
who anointed you with her tears.

She recognized her need for forgiveness;  
she admitted the breadth of her sin.

Too often we are like the Pharisees,  
comfortable in our supposed righteousness,  
judgmental in our view of others.

It is hard to accept that we are broken people:  
that our lives are filled with sin.

But when we accept the depth of our need for you,  
when we lay our sins at your feet  
and they are forgiven, forgotten, washed away,  
then we truly experience your great love for us,  
and can begin to love others as we should.

Loving God, may the sweet fragrance of your forgiveness  
permeate our hearts and minds  
and may your love be evident in our daily living. Amen.

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